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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



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"OFFICIAL DIRECTORIES"

DEAR EDITOR: In view of the fact that our associations of nurses all over the country are establishing directories under their own control and are quite generally designating said directories by the term "central" directory, I would like to make the suggestion that the term "official directory" would be more appropriate, as it would mean more, and carry with it its own explanation as to its status, our nurses' county associations being always recognized as official, standing as they do as the highest exponent of the nursing body in any community.

I have heard several *alumnae* directories referred to by their members as "central directories" with the explanation that because they had a fair membership and were open to all, they were therefore central directories.

I concluded it was a misnomer, and pass along the idea of a more appropriate term for our *official directories*.

We have no official directory in Los Angeles, but hope in the near future to have one established.

Fraternally yours,

M. R.

CARE OF TYPHOID EXCRETA

DEAR EDITOR: After reading "Practical Suggestions in Typhoid Nursing," May number of the JOURNAL, it seemed to me a discussion of the care of the excreta would be in order.

In regard to the disinfection, it would be interesting and valuable to have substance and methods described. Bichloride of mercury, we are warned, coagulates the albumen around the bacterium and so protects it; carbolic is slow, even when strong, and a hasty distribution of the excreta to the sewer might carry danger abroad; young and over-worked nurses should be re-warned of this. Creoleum throws down a very annoying tar-like precipitate on white porcelain closets,—necessitating more hard work, when often work is hard enough.